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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/05.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>10/26/05</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1,7 have been amended [10/26/2005].
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/26/2005 has been entered and office action is as follows:
  3. Examiner acknowledges applicant's amendment filed on 3/8/2005
  4. Claims 1-3,7-9 have been amended [3/8/2005].
  5. Examiner acknowledges applicant's preliminary amendment filed on 9/26/2001, paper no. # 4.

***Drawings***

6. The drawings are approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152

***Information Disclosure Statement***

7. The information disclosure statement filed on 10/26/2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, and have been considered and a copy is enclosed with this Office Action.

8. The information disclosure statement filed on 12/6/2004 [one page], 2/8/2005 [2 pages], 8/23/2004 [3-pages] is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, and have been considered and a copy was enclosed with previous Office Action.
9. The information disclosure statement filed on 9/26/2001, paper no. # 5, 9/26/2003; paper no. # 7, 10/9/2003; paper no. # 8, 1/6/2003, have been considered and a copy was enclosed with previous office action.

***Priority***

10. Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is acknowledged. based on the provisional application serial number: **60/206,772**, filed on 5/24/2000.

***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Pursuant to MPEP 606.01 the **Title** is changed to read:

**-- TEXT INDEXING SYSTEM TO INDEX, QUERY THE ARCHIVE DATABASE  
DOCUMENT BY KEYWORD DATA REPRESENTING THE CONTENT OF THE  
DOCUMENTS AND BY CONTACT DATA ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTICIPANT  
WHO GENERATED THE DOCUMENT--**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

**Reasons for indicating allowable subject matter**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach a combination of elements including

**"wherein the text indexing server is further operable to index the archive database such that each document is indexed by keyword data representing the content of the documents and by contact data associated with the participant who generated the document"** in claim 1

**"using a text indexing server to index the archive database such that each document is indexed by content keyword data and by contact data associated with the participant who generated the document"** in claim 7.

These features, together with the other limitations of the independent claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. The dependent claims 2-6,8-11 being definite, enabled by the specification, and further limiting to the independent claim, are also allowable.

The newly cited art [published on 2004] Mouri, T et al. "Extracting new topic contents from hidden web sites" directed to many information sources provide their database contents through query interfaces. The proposed method generates biased

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query probes to be issued to a hidden web site with a keyword based query interface extracting documents on newly emerging topics [see abstract].

The newly cited art [published on October 1994] Michael F.S et al. "applying an information gathering architecture to Netfind: a white papers tool for a changing and growing internet" is directed to Netfind, a tool that locates current electronic mail addresses and other information about Internet users among a rapidly growing, changing, heterogeneous base of information, further Netfind also gathers and cross-correlates information from many different sources [see fig 4, Abstract, pp 429].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Srirama Channavajjala whose telephone number is 571-272-4108. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alam, Hosain, T, can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone numbers for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571/273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free)

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